New station for Visakhapatnam

1656. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to build a new station at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project and the approximate date of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Survey of Madurai-Cochin Railway line

1657. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposed survey of Madurai-Coehin Railway line has been conducted; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) The Reconnaissance Survey for the conversion of Madurai-Bodinayakkanur M.G. section into B.G. and the construction of a new B.G. line between Bodinayakkanur and Cochin has not yet been completed. The details would be known only after the survey is completed and report submitted by the Railway Administration.

Dilapidated buildings near railway tracks

1658. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take for safeguarding the railway tracks from the impending danger of collapse of dilapidated buildings on the sides of the railway tracks in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): Sir, responsibility for maintaining buildings in safe condition adjacent to the railway tracks outside railway boundary in the Bombay suburban sections rests with the owners of the buildings, Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay and the Housing and Area Development Board.

A joint Committee of Engineers of the Western Railway, Bombay Municipal Corporation and Housing & Area Development Board was constituted in 1983 for surveying and inspecting the buildings adjacent to the railway tracks in the suburban section of Western Railway and to suggest remedial measures. The Committee has completed the survey and inspection of all such buildings and have identified certain buildings which require attention. Similarly, a detailed survey of such buildings adjacent to the Central Railway tracks was carried out by the Central Railway prior to the present monsoon.

Repairs, strengthening or demolition of the buildings as required as a result of these surveys are advised to Bombay Municipal Corporation/Housing and Area development Board for suitable action.

Acupuncture Treatment in Delhi Hospitals

1659. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of hospitals in Delhi which have arrangements for acupuncture treatment; and

(b) by when such arrangements are proposed to be provided in Sucheta Kripalani Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital respectively?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) Four hospitals in Delhi namely, Safdarjang Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Din Dayal Upadhya